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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, at times good for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were in full range. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair for midweek trading. Breast items were balanced to adequate, and wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate with drums in the longest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to **78.50** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on November 1, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

	DOCK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDER	RS 172.00
BREASTS - B/S	139.50
BREASTS - WHOLI	E 84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50
LEG QUARTERS	43.50
WINGS	113.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, instances moderate with limited optimism for first of the month and retail feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Wings were mixed, but available, and breast items were balanced to readily available. Dark meat was at least adequate with thigh meat in the best balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to mostly fair with some improvements noted for first of the month business. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were adequate at least adequate. Wings and most dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for trade needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offers were light on limited to moderate buyer activity; fill-in trade on 3 up wogs at 50 cents. Retail and food service demand was generally light with moderate to good trade noted on a few features in retail and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were closely balanced to more than sufficient for current needs. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts supplies were fully adequate for current trade call. The market tone on parts was mostly steady.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall, with small sized product in the best position. Retailer demand was moderate to good, with best interest where promotions in progress on parts and bagged whole body. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with immediate needs. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2007. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 27, 2007 were 7.58 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 10/27/07 2007 2006 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 203,042 192,800 +05 CHICKS PLACED 174,811 167,680 +04

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Dec-07 is estimated at 158.8 million head. This compares to 158.4 million head the previous week and to 156.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.83 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 31

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS WT			WTD	P	OUND	S		WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	669	113.00-198.0	00 -	131.80	BREAST - B/S	484	115.00-192.00	-	131.42
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO I	REPORT		TENDERLOINS	176	105.00-175.00	-	126.14
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO I	REPORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO I	REPORT		FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	143	49.00-60.00	52-54	53.25	LEGS	201	49.00-60.00	52-54	52.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	487	37.00-43.00	38-39	38.91	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	537	37.00-43.00	38-39	38.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	755	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.59	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	670	39.00-46.00	40-41	40.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	321	90.00-120.00	103-107	103.19	WINGS (WHOLE)	180	88.00-115.00	102-108	105.34
WINGS (CUT)	7	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		WINGS (CUT)	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
DRUMSTICKS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	7	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 45.00 - 50.50 47.21 46.00 - 51.00 48.02 47.80

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was no better than fair for midweek trading. Supplies of breast items and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs; wings were adequate to fully adequate. Drums and leg quarters were at least adequate to available with drums in the longest position. Other dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCT 30	CURRENT NEG	WTD		OCT 31	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS	<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	131.71	549,618	BREAST - B/S	130	128.20	488,338
TENDERLOINS	120	121.42	146,170	TENDERLOINS	120	120.92	57,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	74.06	175,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	77.05	90,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.33	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.90	86,400
LEGS	59-60	63.93	81,040	LEGS	59-60	62.55	109,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.19	194,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	42.34	260,160
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	62.84	82,240	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.83	66,000
THIGHS	50-51	60.09	42,260	THIGHS	50-51	56.01	70,480
B/S THIGHS	112-113	114.03	78,680	B/S THIGHS	112-113	115.43	32,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	107.57	153,282	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	113.87	139,242
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	RIPPED) 10-12	11.65	26,760	BACKS AND NECKS (ST	RIPPED) 10-12	10.80	39,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	S) 35-40	37.11	10,520	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	35-40	36.34	6,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	60.21	25,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	54.81	35,160

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

A \/C

								AVG
	ESTIMATED		<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		<u>ACTUAL</u>	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	10/31	10/30	10/29	10/26	10/29	10/26	10/24	10/22
Alabama	4,131	4,183	4,045	4,090	5.70	5.60	4,078	5.69
Arkansas	5,384	5,418	5,313	5,429	5.59	5.59	5,183	5.58
Delmarva	2,249	2,269	1,870	2,017	6.10	5.81	2,247	5.97
KY-LA-TN	2,417	2,442	2,388	2,579	5.22	4.85	2,459	5.22
Mississippi	3,136	3,085	3,099	3,560	5.79	5.61	3,042	5.81
North Carolina	2,908	2,950	2,707	2,883	7.06	7.08	2,937	7.18
Texas	2,503	2,500	2,396	2,548	5.60	5.35	2,538	5.42
Total	22,728	22,847	21,818	23,106	5.83	5.70	22,484	5.82
Mon-Wed	67,885	(A)					67,009 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Oct-07 is estimated to be 34,004,000 head up 0.79 percent from a week ago and up 6.23 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,739,000, last year 32,011,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		199-204

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Nov-07										
UNDER FED	CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK									
			3/07 (1)		10/27/07					
Class		Thousand head								
Broiler/fryer		171	,900(2)	•	169,718					
Light hens			,142		1,162					
Heavy hens	;		,702		1,597					
Total		174	1,744		172,477					
(1)ESTIMA										
				s available f						
week endin	ig 03-Nov	/-07 is 16	6.2 millio	n head con	npared to	166.1				
million head	slaughte	ered the s	ame wee	k last year.	The estin	nated				
				n head or						
			ine week	of 10-Nov-0)/ the estir	nated				
available is	164.0 MII	lion nead.								
WEEKLY C		_		S-SELECTED	STGE CEN	TERS				
PR	CESSE	D TURKE	Ϋ́	PROC	ESSED PO	ULTRY				
		LBS	3			LBS				
AM 10/29/0	-		,741	82,253						
AM 10/01/0	7		,745	66,944						
CHG		-29	,004			15,309				
PCT CHG			-27			23				
COLD STO	RAGE M	OVEMENT	(IN TH	OUSANDS)						
		D TURKE			ESSED PO	ULTRY				
10/	/29/07 10	/22/07 10	/30/06	10/29/07	10/22/07	10/30/06				
PACIFIC										
COAST	4,293	3,656	1,331	11,948	11,956	11,045				
LOS										
ANGELES	194	204	221	1,458	1,547	2,720				

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

GUINEA KEETS ea. -

SILKIES ea. - GUINEA PIGS ea. -

CHUKARS ea. TOTAL COOPS 228

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2007

RANGE

FOR 10/30/07

HENS	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	73-81
	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)	75-93

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY							
	LOW H	HIGH .	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	.85	.59	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-		-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.10) -	PULLETS ea.	7.00	8.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.80	1.35	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.05	1.51	RABBITS ea.	1.50	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL I). -	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea		-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-

- CALL DUCKS ea.

GOSLINGS ea.

- TURKEY POULTS ea. -

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 26,2007

Who Chic			Legs 1 /Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	55.73	151.99	80.21	21.11	8.44	67.55
High	63.33	164.65	88.66	25.33	12.67	67.55
Mostly	59.95	160.43	84.44	21.11	12.67	67.55
SAN JUA	.NI					
Low	54.88	156.21	75.99	16.89	8.44	63.33
High	64.59	164.65	92.88		12.67	63.33
Mostly	59.11	156.21	88.66		8.44	63.33
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NEW SA	N JUAN					
Low	54.88	118.21	75.99	21.11	8.44	67.55
High	65.44	168.87	88.66		16.89	67.55
Mostly	54.88	164.65	80.21	21.11	12.67	67.55
BECERR	Δ					
Low	59.11	56.21	80.21	21.11	8.44	71.77
High	67.55	168.87	92.88		16.89	71.77
Mostly	59.11	160.43	84.44	21.11	12.67	71.77
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<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were mixed. Breast items were balanced to available and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	65-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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